

## Fair Political Practices Commission

### Memorandum

**To:** Chairman Getman, Commissioners Downey, Knox and Swanson

**From:** Andy Domek, Executive Fellow  
Mark Krausse, Executive Director

**Subject:** Legislative Report

**Date:** February 24, 2003

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The deadline for the introduction of bills was February 21, 2003. Bills must be in print for 30 days before they may be heard in committee, but most will not be heard until April or May. Analyses will be provided next month on substantive bills that appear to be headed for passage.

#### ***Informational Items — Bills Amending the PRA***

| Bill No.  | Author                     | Title   | Introduced/Amended |
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| <b>AB 190</b>   | <b>McLeod</b>              | <b>Conflicts of interest: revolving door</b>    | <b>1/27/03</b>     |
| Applies to all public officials the ban on influencing any governmental decision relating to any person with whom the public official is negotiating, or has any agreement concerning, future employment. <b>Assembly Elections Committee.</b>  |                            |   |                    |
| <b>AB 419</b>   | <b>PERS Committee</b>      | <b>Teachers Retirement Board: elections</b>     | <b>2/14/03</b>     |
| Adds members elected to the Teachers' Retirement Board to the definitions of "Elective Office" and "State Elective Office" provided by the Act. These definitions trigger certain filing requirements for candidates for and holders of those offices. This bill requires the Teachers' Retirement System to reimburse the Commission for all reasonable expenses associated with the bill's provisions. <b>Urgency clause. In Assembly Rules Committee for assignment.</b> |                            |   |                    |
| <b>AB 1501</b>  | <b>Levine</b>              | <b>Voluntary expenditure limits</b>             | <b>2/21/03</b>     |
| Allows a state candidate to change his or her statement accepting or rejecting the voluntary expenditure limits at any time prior to the deadline for filing nomination papers, provided that he or she has not exceeded the voluntary limits. <b>In Assembly Rules Committee for assignment.</b>   |                            |   |                    |
| <b>AB 1623</b>  | <b>Longville</b>           | <b>PRA spot bill</b>                            | <b>2/21/03</b>     |
| Deletes an obsolete reference in the PRA. <b>In Assembly Rules Committee for assignment.</b>  |                            |   |                    |
| <b>AB 1678</b>  | <b>Elections Committee</b> | <b>Public inspection of campaign statements</b> | <b>2/21/03</b>     |
| Requires that campaign statements be available for public inspection and reproduction on the Saturday preceding an election on the first Tuesday in March or the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even numbered years. <b>In Assembly Rules Committee for assignment.</b>  |                            |   |                    |

## Legislative Report

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| <b>SB 467</b> | <b>Johnson</b> | <b>Last-term-officeholder fundraising</b> | <b>2/20/03</b> |
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Allows an elected state officer serving his or her last term to accept contributions to pay for expenses associated with holding that office. The contributions are subject to Prop. 34 limits. **In Senate Rules Committee for assignment.**

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| <b>SB 530</b> | <b>Johnson</b> | <b>SOS Lobbyist Directory</b> | <b>2/20/03</b> |
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Requires the Secretary of State to establish the Internet Directory of Lobbyists within sixty days after the start of each legislative session. **In Senate Rules Committee for assignment.**

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| <b>SB 548</b> | <b>Perata</b> | <b>Public inspection of campaign reports</b> | <b>2/20/03</b> |
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Broadens the language of the PRA, so that campaign statements must be available for public inspection and reproduction on the Saturday preceding a statewide primary or statewide general election. This bill also would delete the "Registration of Voters of San Diego County" from the list of agencies subject to this requirement. **In Senate Rules Committee for assignment.**

**Commission Position: Sponsor**

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| <b>SB 604</b> | <b>Perata</b> | <b>Cumulative contributions</b> | <b>2/20/03</b> |
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Reintroduction of SB 3 (Commission sponsored) of last session. Under existing law, ballot measure advertisements must disclose the top two sources of "cumulative contributions" of at least \$50,000. Under the current definition of "cumulative contributions," all contributors to a committee are considered, regardless of how long before the advertisement in question the contributions were made. This means a major donor from years past is identified, even if he or she had no recent connection with the committee. This bill corrects this problem by defining "cumulative contributions" to be those made since January 1 of the year prior to the year in which the measure appears on the ballot. **Urgency. In Senate Rules Committee for assignment. Commission Position: Sponsor**

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| <b>SB 641</b> | <b>Brulte</b> | <b>Campaign expenditures: telephone advocacy</b> | <b>2/21/03</b> |
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This bill would change the definition of "mass mailing" found in the Act from "mail" to a specific definition of what items delivered to a person constitute a mass mailing. It also adds language to the act prohibiting the expenditure by a candidate, committee or slate mail organization for anonymous telephone advocacy for a candidate, ballot measure, or referendum. This would not apply to telephone calls made by the candidate, campaign manager, or volunteers. **Urgency. In Senate Rules Committee for assignment.**

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| <b>SB 733</b> | <b>Johnson</b> | <b>Political Reform Act spot bill</b> | <b>2/21/03</b> |
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Placeholder measure. **In Senate Rules Committee for assignment.**